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SUBJECT: GOSL-BETHSTEEL NEGOTIATIONS

REF: A. FREETOWN 450 B. FREETOWN 463 C. FREETOWN 518

1. SIERRA RUTILE (SRL) VICE PRESIDENT FRASER TOLD AMBASSADOR MARCH 20 THAT CABINET MEETING PREVIOUS DAY HAD HELD LONG DISCUSSION OF GOSL-SRL NEGOTIATIONS AND BETHSTEEL INTEREST IN DELCO. ACCORDING FRASER, MINISTER MINES KAWUSU-KONTE WAS CRITICIZED IN MEETING FOR DRAGGING OUT NEGOTIATIONS WITH SRL AND WAS ON DEFENSIVE THROUGHOUT MEETING. CABINET AUTHORIZED KAWUSU-KONTE TO EXTEND NUMBER OF YEARS NON-PARTICIPATION AFTER PRODUCTION DAY (PRESENT GOSL OFFER IS FIVE YEARS - REF A) AND TOLD HIM HE COULD TALK CONSTRUCTIVELY ON ALL ISSUES. RE DELCO (REF B), CABINET TOLD KAWUSU-KONTE TO GIVE BETHSTEEL "EVERY ENCOURAGEMENT."

2. ACCORDING FRASER, BETHSTEEL/NORD NEGOTIATING TEAM NOW DUE APRIL 10. FRASER TODAY RECOMMENDING TO BETHSTEEL THAT BETH SUSPEND ANY ACTION ON PROPOSED SRL WORKFORCE RETRENCHMENT (REF C) UNTIL RESULTS THIS ROUND NEGOTIATIONS KNOWN.

3. KAWUSU-KONTE LATER TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT CABINET

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HAD AGREED TO BETHSTEEL PARTNERSHIP WITH DELCO AND

HAD MADE ONLY A FEW MINOR CHANGES IN TERMS DESIRED  
BY BETHSTEEL. HE CONFIRMED SRL NEGOTIATIONS TO  
RESUME APRIL 10.

4. COMMENT: CABINET ACTION IS ENCOURAGING SIGN THAT  
SL POWER STRUCTURE HAS FINALLY COME TO GRIPS WITH  
REALITIES OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND HAS DECIDED IT  
WISHES PROCEED PRAGMATICALLY. PROSPECTS FOR  
SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION SRL NEGOTIATIONS NOW APPEAR  
BE AT HIGHEST POINT SINCE THORNY QUESTION OF  
APPLICABILITY GOSL MINING POLICY FORMALLY RAISED  
AS NEGOTIATING ISSUE LAST OCTOBER.  
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